

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL**

Case No. SACV 12-936 JVS (RNBx) Date June 22, 2012

Title Belle v. Chrysler Group, LLC

Present: The Honorable James V. Selna

Karla J. Tunis

Deputy Clerk

Not Present

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Not Present

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

Not Present

**Proceedings:** (In Chambers) **Order To Show Cause re Jurisdiction**

The Court has made a preliminary review of the jurisdictional allegations in the:

X Complaint, filed June 12, 2012

Notice of Removal ("Notice") filed

by Giuliano Belle ("Belle").

The initial pleading invokes jurisdiction Court on the Class Action Fairness Act, which at least in part depends on diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). (Complaint, ¶¶ 22 .)

The following parties to the action are alleged to be a limited liability companies ("LLC"):

Chrysler Group, LLC

For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, an LLC takes on the citizenship of each of its members. Johnson v. Columbia Properties Anchorage, LP, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006); Cosgrove v. Bartolotta, 150 F.3d 729, 731 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998); Keith v. Black Diamond Advisors, Inc., 48 F. Supp. 2d 326, 329-30 (S.D. N.Y. 1999). In order to determine diversity, the Court must consider the citizenship of each LLC member, and if a member is an LLC, the citizenship of its members. Presently, the Court cannot tell if jurisdiction has been properly invoked.

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Belle is ordered to file an amended initial pleading within 15 days identifying each member of each alleged LLC and the member's citizenship and principal place of business as the date of the filing of the initial pleading. If any member is itself an LLC, the same information shall be provided for each subtier member, and if need be, for each successive subtier.

**A failure to respond may result in dismissal for lack of jurisdiction.**

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